

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) A delivery device comprising:

an outlet portion having a substantially bottomed tubular shape or substantially bowl like shape that has an outlet orifice at [[the]] a bottom thereof;

a valve element made of an elastic material having a substantially ring-shaped valve body portion and a substantially ring-shaped thin-walled portion provided at [[the]] a distal end of the former valve element, said valve body portion being fixed in the outlet portion while said thin-walled portion ~~is exposed~~ extends through said outlet orifice of said outlet portion and is exposed to [[the]] an outside of the outlet portion;

~~a cylindrical valve element support member that is disposed in said outlet portion so as inside of the ring-shaped thin-walled portion of the valve element to delimit close~~ the outlet orifice together with said valve element; and

~~a vent hole that communicates outside air with [[the]] a flow passage in the outlet portion, which vent hole is provided at a position is located in [[the]] an upstream side of said valve element outlet portion, via an air filter, [[with]] the outlet orifice side defined as the defining a downstream side.~~[[.]])

~~wherein said valve element causes the ring-shaped thin-walled portion thereof to make of the valve element makes contact with [[the]] an outer periphery of said cylindrical valve element support member so as to close the outlet orifice when there is no liquid pressure applied thereto from the upstream side, while said thin walled portion~~

and undergoes expansive deformation so as to open the outlet orifice when [[a]] liquid pressure liquid pressure is applied thereto from the upstream side, and the expansive deformation of said thin-walled portion is achieved by of the valve element occurs with a liquid pressure lower than the liquid passing pressure of a pressure required to pass the liquid through said air filter, and opening of the outlet orifice cannot be achieved opened by the pressure of outside air passing pressure of through said air filter from outside the delivery device.

12. (Currently amended) The delivery device according to claim 11, wherein said valve element support member has including a flange at a position on the on an upstream [[side]] end of the cylindrical valve element support member, wherein portion while the valve body portion of said valve element makes contact with said flange so as to close the flow passage when there is no liquid pressure applied thereto from the upstream side, and the valve body portion undergoes compressive deformation so as to open the flow passage between itself the valve body portion and said flange of the valve element support member when [[a]] liquid pressure is applied thereto from the upstream side.

13. (Currently amended) The delivery device according to claim 11 or 12, wherein said valve element and said outlet portion are integrally formed.

14. (Currently amended) The delivery device according to any one of claims 2 to 13 claim 11, wherein antibacterial treatment has been is applied to said valve element.

15. (Currently amended) The delivery device according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 13~~ claim 11, wherein antibacterial treatment ~~has been~~ is applied to said outlet orifice.

16. (Currently amended) The delivery device according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 13~~ claim 11, wherein a liquid filter is provided at a position in the upstream side of said outlet orifice valve element or in the upstream of the position where the flow passage is opened and closed by said valve element.

17. (Currently amended) A container having the delivery device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 16~~ claim 11, that is fitted at [[the]] a mouth of a container body of the container.

18. (Currently amended) The container according to claim 17, comprising a plug that is held slidably in the flow passage of said delivery device or in said container body, while said plug makes making contact with [[the]] an inner wall of the flow passage of said delivery device so as to close said flow passage before the container is put into use.

19. (Currently amended) The container according to claim 17 or 18, that is an eye dropper.